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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-17.(Canceled)

18.(Currently amended) A personal care module for use by a patient within a room of a healthcare facility, the personal care module comprising a housing having a first portion and a second portion, a washing station coupled to the first portion, a toilet coupled to the second portion and having a drain line to drain waste therefrom, the first portion and the second portion being relatively movable along a horizontal, longitudinal axis of the personal care module between a first position to cover the toilet and a second position to uncover the toilet, ~~the washing station being usable by the patient in both the first and second positions, and the washing station having a drain line not discharging into the toilet in both the first and second positions.~~

19.(Original) The personal care module of claim 18, wherein the washing station has a sink and a faucet.

20.(Canceled)

21.(Previously presented) The personal care module of claim 18, wherein the washing station and the toilet are aligned vertically with one another when the first portion is positioned in the first position.

22.(Original) The personal care module of claim 21, wherein the washing station and the toilet are offset vertically from one another when the first portion is positioned in the second position.

23.(Original) The personal care module of claim 18, wherein the housing includes a third portion positioned in telescoping relation with the first portion.

24.(Previously presented) A personal care module for use by a patient within a room of a healthcare facility, the personal care module comprising a housing having a first portion and a second portion, a washing station coupled to the first portion, and

a toilet coupled to the second portion, the first portion and the second portion being relatively movable between a first position to cover the toilet and a second position to uncover the toilet, the first portion being positioned for movement along a horizontal, longitudinal axis of the personal care module between the first position and the second position, and the washing station arranged to be operable in the first and second positions,

the housing including a third portion positioned in telescoping relation with the first portion,

the first portion covering the third portion when the first portion is positioned in the second position.

25.(Previously presented) A personal care module for use in conjunction with a hospital bed located in a hospital room having a room wall and a floor, the personal care module comprising

a housing,

a connector coupling the housing to the floor to move the housing about a pivot axis between a first position configured to extend alongside the room wall and a second position configured to extend alongside the hospital bed,

a toilet carried by the housing and coupled to a drain line to drain waste therefrom, and

a washing station carried by the housing, the toilet and the washing station being movable with the housing between the first position and a the second position.

26.(Original) The personal care module of claim 25, wherein the washing station has a sink and a faucet.

27.(Original) The personal care module of claim 25, wherein the washing station has a bed pan washer.

28.(Canceled)

29.(Previously presented) The personal care module of claim 25, further comprising a floor-engaging element coupled to the housing for movement of the housing along a the floor between the first position and the second position.

30.(Original) The personal care module of claim 25, wherein the housing has a proximal end portion and a distal end portion, the proximal end portion is adapted to be coupled to the floor to establish the pivot axis, the toilet is positioned adjacent to the distal end portion.

31.(Original) The personal care module of claim 30, wherein the washing station is positioned adjacent to the proximal end portion.

32.(Original) The personal care module of claim 30, wherein the housing has a portion that carries the washing station between a position adjacent to the distal end to cover the toilet and a position adjacent to the proximal end to uncover the toilet.

33-41.(Canceled)

42.(New) A personal care module for use by a patient within a room of a healthcare facility, the personal care module comprising

a housing having a first portion and a second portion,

a washing station coupled to the first portion,

a toilet coupled to the second portion and having a drain line to drain waste

therefrom, the first portion and the second portion being relatively movable along a horizontal, longitudinal axis of the personal care module between a first position to cover the toilet and a second position to uncover the toilet, the washing station having a drain line that is coupled to the washing station and is flexible to accommodate the movement of the washing station as it moves with the first portion between the first and second positions.